

Volunteer of the Year, Robert Mann

Over the years, Skills Canada~Nova Scotia has had the privilege of working with many amazing volunteers. Once a year we have the opportunity to recognize a volunteer that has made large contributions to Skills Canada~Nova Scotia and award them with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award recipient, Robert Mann, is a well known presence at many of Skills Canada~Nova Scotia's events. Robert is an Energy Controls Technician at the NSCC Akerley Campus and has been volunteering with Skills Canada~Nova Scotia for many years in many different capacities.

Robert was known by Team Nova Scotia 2010 for his great sense of humour, endless words of encouragement and willingness to offer assistance to anyone who asked. During competitions he ensures that the event runs smoothly and that the staff has less to worry about during a hectic day. His smiling face and positive attitude make everyone around him a little happier.

Last year, Skills Canada~Nova Scotia was lucky enough to have Robert attend the Skills Canada National Competition where we really put him to work! He played multiple roles throughout the event including team liaison, driver, tool box caddy and team cheerleader.

Robert's skills were also required at the WorldSkills Competition in Calgary in 2009. He was asked to volunteer to assist in the set up and day to day logistics of this event, working from the early morning until late night. Even during the hustle and bustle of a world class event, Robert always made sure to check in with the Skills Canada~Nova Scotia staff to make sure they were enjoying their time and to ask if they needed anything.

Robert has not only been a valuable volunteer at Skills Canada~Nova Scotia for the year that just passed, but he has been an essential asset to our organization for quite awhile now. Thank you to Kevin Gerrior for nominating him for this award, and thank you Robert for everything you do.



Skills Canada~Nova Scotia's Executive Director, Courtney Gouthro and Volunteer of the Year, Robert Mann

Call for Volunteers

- School Tour Guides

During the Nova Scotia Skills Competition there are over 2000 local high school students that tour the competition events. If you are available on March 24th at NSCC Pictou Campus or April 8th at NSCC Waterfront Campus Skills Canada ~ Nova Scotia would love to have you participate as a Tour Guide.

- Administration

In early 2011 Skills Canada~Nova Scotia will need volunteers to come into the office and aid in the direct marketing of the bi-annual magazine mail-out and youth project/school tour promotional bag packing.

- Mentor

In the morning during a Youth Project, Skills Canada~Nova Scotia needs mentors that have worked, are working in or currently studying a skilled trade or technology to participate in a short discussion with local high school students.

14th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition



**(A): Landscape and Gardening Display at the 2010 Nova Scotia Skills Competition
(B): Secondary Baking Medalists at the 2010 Nova Scotia Skills Competition**

The 14th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition & Career Showcase is just around the corner! This Olympic-style competition is a chance for students and apprentices from across the province to put their skills to the test, and showcase their talents in skilled trades and technologies.

Shortly after spring begins, the competitions will start. Hosts for the main competitions in 2011 include: Memorial Composite High School, for the first-time ever NSCC Pictou Campus and NSCC Waterfront Campus. Mark your calendars – registration will take place from January 24 – February 25, 2011. If you are a secondary (high school) student, post-secondary student, or a registered apprentice under the age of 30, you are eligible to compete! Take a moment to visit the website and check out the 50+ competitions to see which interests you.

In most cases, gold medalists from the Nova Scotia Skills Competition will form Team Nova Scotia and proceed to the Skills Canada National Competition, which will take place in Quebec City, Quebec from June 1-4, 2011.

Through the disability services initiative, we're pleased to be able to offer more competitions in this area than ever before: cake decorating, outdoor and studio photography, poster design and painting are all competitions that are geared specifically towards individuals with a disability. Gold medalists from these competitions may be eligible to advance to the 8th International Abilitylympics in Seoul Korea next fall!



Skills Scrapbook: Skills Excellence Awards 2010



2011 Skills Canada~Nova Scotia Board of Directors



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Calendar of Events 2011

Event	Location	Date
African Nova Scotian Youth Conference	NSCC Kingstec Campus	February 8th, 2011
TechShop	NSCC Lunenburg Campus	February 16th, 2011
Young Women's Conference	NSCC Burrigge Campus	March 8th, 2011
TechShop	NSCC Akerley Campus	March 18th, 2011
Nova Scotia Skills Competition	Check website for details	March 24th — April 29th, 2011
TechShop	NSCC Truro Campus	May 5th, 2011
Skills Canada National Competition	Quebec City, QC	June 1st — 4th, 2011